

# PLAN OF THE WEEK

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## Command Column

**CDR J. S. Burhoe**

Executive Officer

Well, believe it or not, this is my last command column. At least the last one I'll ever write as Executive Officer. God willing, I'll be promoted to Captain tomorrow morning, and then work one more day (Monday) before heading up to the Coast Guard Personnel Command where I will be the Assistant Division Chief of the Officer Personnel Division. From the time I report to CGPC on 8 August until mid-January, my primary duty will be assigning all the pre-continuation Captains. Then I'll assume a role overseeing the assignment, promotion, and evaluation of the officer corps.

This job as XO was the fulfillment of a goal I set while attending OCS over 23 years ago. As an officer candidate, I would see the XO's name on nearly every document posted, from the menu to the Plan of the Day. While I would see the CO walking around his yard or down the pier, I never saw the XO. I knew he must be involved in everything, since it seemed as though his signature was everywhere. I also visited the XO's house a couple times while attending other schools here, and it looked like a pretty neat place to live.

Well, I was right. The CO gets to walk around, the XO is involved in everything, and the XO's house is a great place to live. I've also learned that if I was smarter as an officer candidate, I would have set my goal to be the Commanding Officer...but I have no regrets.

We've all seen a lot of change in the last two years, not only within ourselves, but all around us. There are more changes coming (TACLET North, expansion of web-based training, JRR, Future Force 21, and many others). I suspect that if I'm gone for too long, I may not even recognize the place when I return for a visit.

I would like to thank everyone here at the Training Center for all that you've done. It has been my pleasure. Please be as good to CDR Merkle as you've been to me. You are blessed with a Commanding Officer who cares about all of you, and an Executive Officer (CDR Merkle) who is a training expert and filled with integrity and vision. I know I leave you all in good hands.

Most of the officers here will have more opportunities to hear from and about me over the next three years than they probably want to. It is my desire to work with this enlisted, civilian, and officer workforce again...who knows where next. God bless each and every one of you. Please stay in touch. After Monday, I'll have my name back...and somebody else will be known as "XO." Thanks.

## A Look Ahead:

3 JUL CDR Merkle Relieves as Executive Officer

4 JUL INDEPENDENCE DAY (Holiday Routine)

5 JUL 1130, CPOA General Membership Meeting, Bldg 156,

5 JUL 1930, CPOA Auxiliary Meeting, Chiefs' Shack, Bldg 156, Kay Griffin, 878-5223, ext 244

7-8 JUL USCG Auxiliary 5<sup>th</sup> District Summer Conference, Hamilton, LT Bradley, 2497

10-14 JUL LAMS Road Show Aboard, Hamilton, Rm 232, BMC Duffy, 2760

13 JUL 0930, Chief Warrant Officers' Call with the CO, Port of York, LT Broga, 2271. All CWOs not on leave or TAD should attend

**Congratulations...** to LT & Mrs. Welborn on the arrival of a new son, Addison Duncan Cole Welborn, born 0356, 23 Jun, 8lbs 9oz, 20.5 in. Baby and mother doing fine, father needs rest.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY TIPS

- 🚗 Always **BUCKLE UP** and remind passengers to do the same.
- 🚗 Be attentive and drive defensively.
- 🚗 Obey **STOP** signs (*come to a full STOP*) and other Traffic Signals (especially red lights).
- 🚗 Do not speed.
- 🚗 Do not tailgate; avoid rear-end collisions.
- 🚗 Use turn signals when turning or changing lanes.
- 🚗 Turn headlights **ON** during rain, fog, or other adverse weather.
- 🚗 Take frequent breaks on long trips.

Do not **DRINK** and **DRIVE**

## Advancements

Effective July 1, 2000, the following personnel will be advanced to the next higher pay grade:

CAPT J. S. Burhoe                      BM2 A. E. Howard

CDR G. W. Merrick                      BM2 G. C. Morris

LCDR M. Muskalla

EMC J. E. Ross

FTC D. N. Ouellete

MK1 G. L. Turner

YN2 C. J. Greer

## Important Items to Know:

CLEP testing will resume on 6 July. Call in advance for confirmation of "test onboard" and guaranteed seating (x-2104). Testing will be conducted each Thursday morning, as scheduling permits, starting time is 0800. Our new ESO is Dan Gentili at x-2104.

## Chaplain's Corner:

0945 & 1630 Sunday Roman Catholic Mass

1100 Sunday Protestant Worship

1145 Daily Roman Catholic

0630 Promise Keepers on Tuesday & Thursday

1140 Ladies Bible Study every Thursday

There is also a mid-week Bible Study at the Chapel every Wednesday, from 1140-1230. This is open to all personnel and their families

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